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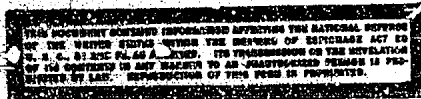
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IMPROVEMENTS IN ALBANIAN AGRICULTURE,
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INCREASE VINEYARD AREA -- Boston, Liria, 4 Apr 52

The Albanian government is paying particular attention to developing and improving vineyards. Every year since the liberation, the area and planting of vineyards have been increased. From fall 1951 to spring 1952 one million new grafts will be set and vines planted.

FRUIT TREE PLANTATION IN KUKES EXCEEDS PLAN -- Tirana, Zeri i Popullit, 1 Feb 52

The fruit-tree orchard at Kukës has exceeded the 1951 plan 221.5 percent. From fall 1951 to February 1952 it distributed 250,000 young trees. Two experts made 24,000 grafts in 1951 without a single failure. Much work has also been done on gathering apple, peach, and pear seeds.

IMPROVES RICE CROP -- Tirana, Zeri i Popullit, 1 Feb 52

Adam Hasani, a progressive farmer in Lushnje Rreth, claims that by using Soviet methods for planting, watering, etc., he was able to raise 32 quintals of good-quality rice on one hectare of ground.

MODERN RICE-HULLING PLANT OPENED -- Berlin, Auswärtiges, Nachrichten, 2 Apr 52

A modern plant for hulling rice has been opened for operation in the city of Vlorë. The entire equipment came from the USSR. The plant processes 30 tons of rice daily.

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WOOD-PROCESSING COMBINE STARTS PRODUCTION -- Berlin, Aussehenhandels, Nachrichten, 5 Apr 52

On 21 March 1952, production began in the wood-processing combine at Elbasan. This combine consists of three factories, and will produce 15,000 cubic meters of seasoned lumber, 15,000 cubic meters of impregnated lumber, and 5,000 cubic meters of plywood and wood for parquet floors [yearly?]. This combine will enable Albania to export plywood. These factories will employ approximately 500 workers.

INCREASE BLACK COAL PRODUCTION -- Berlin, Aussehenhandels, Nachrichten, 29 Mar 52

The introduction of Soviet operating methods in the black coal mines of the People's Republic of Albania has met with excellent results. While it was possible to increase production 140 percent in the first months of this year, the expenditure of labor decreased at the same time by 60 percent.

Through the introduction of Soviet operating procedures the Albanian petroleum workers were able to decrease the time required for drilling by one third.

CONSUMERS' GOODS AVAILABLE -- Berlin, Aussehenhandels, Nachrichten, 29 Mar 52

At present, 81 percent of Albania's trade is conducted by state-owned and cooperative enterprises. During the current year there will be, among other things, 80 percent more fats, 39 percent more sugar, 13 percent more cotton goods, and 6 percent more shoes on the market than there were in 1951.

The quantities of goods sold were 8 percent greater in 1951 than in 1950. For the current year, a further increase of 12 percent over 1951 is anticipated.

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